409. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House a statement showing:—

(a) the names of gazetted officers in the service of the State who have been given extension or have been appointed after their 55th year;

(b) the period for which they have been so appointed or given extension;

(c) the date on which such appointment or extension is to come to an end;

(d) will the Government be pleased to state the reason why such appointments have been made or the extension given?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—A statement giving the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

410. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) is not retirement after completing the 55th year compulsory as a rule, and is not the rule that extension should be granted in the case of officers who are so very competent and healthy as to be retained in service in the interests of the public and whom it is not possible to replace by other officers in service who have not obtained the 55th year;

(2) when an officer's name is included in the list of persons ordered to be retired in the printed Proceedings referred to in the previous question, is not that order the result of a careful consideration of the question of the extension of service to that officer and its decision in the negative;

(3) have there been cases during the last 4 years in which officers ordered to be retired in the printed Proceedings have been given extensions subsequently; if so, their names and for what reasons the orders were re-considered?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(1) The rule is that "an officer in superior service who has attained the age of 55 years shall be required to retire unless the Diwan considers that the public interests require his retention and permits him to remain in the service."

(2) The order in the Proceedings is the result of giving effect to the general rule that an officer who has attained the age of 55 years should retire.

(3) There was no reconsideration. The applicability of the exception to the General Rule was alone considered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is not that order passed after careful consideration? In the answer given to part (1), the wording used is 'an officer in superior service who has attained the age of 55 years shall be required to retire.'

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That is the rule; my question is, is not retirement after 55 compulsory as a result?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is compulsion unless the Diwan thinks otherwise, that his retention is necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When it is published in the printed Proceedings, is the consideration of giving extensions also considered?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is not considered at that time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When is it considered?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is considered at the time when his period is about to end. According to the rule, it has to be published a few months previous, *i. e.*, in Makaram of the previous year, and the question of extension will be considered only at the time when he is to retire.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In this printed Proceedings, is the name of the Chief Medical Officer also included, and may I know whether he has attained the age of 55?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No, it has not been included. That is quite different. This contemplates only cases where persons were entertained in the service after the age of 55. The Chief Medical Officer's appointment stands on a different footing.

President.—His appointment is under a special agreement.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—He is not to be given extension according to these rules?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—That is because he has entered the service after his 55th year.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether there were requests from officers for extension who have attained the age of 55?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Some officers make the request.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it at the request of the officers that extension is given?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is no such general rule. Whether he applies for it or not, extension is given if the Diwan thinks it necessary.

President.—In some cases applications are also received

Settlement Proclamation.

411. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state if Mr. C. Achyuta Menon, the Member for Mulakunnattukavu in the last Council, applied to the Diwan for sanction to introduce into the Council a Bill to amend the Settlement Proclamation of 1080;

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